

former "Sardine Capital of the World" has become an outdoor recreation paradise, an ecotourism destination, and a haven for artists. The West Quoddy Lighthouse, with its iconic red and white stripes, is recognized the world over. The Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial Bridge, the link to Campobello Island, New Brunswick, gives Lubec an international flavor.

The town of Lubec was incorporated on June 21, 1811, but its origins lie in prehistory. For 12,000 years before the first European settlers arrived, the land was home to the Passamaquoddy Tribe, and the original "People of the Dawn" still are part of the community today.

Lubec is a town of the first light and of the first patriots. One early settler was Colonel John Allan who in 1777 was charged by General George Washington with defending the remote yet vital region. He repelled a British amphibious invasion and forged an alliance for liberty with the Passamaquoddy, Penobscot, and Micmac tribes. Another early resident was Hopley Yeaton, who served in the Continental Navy. In 1790, he was appointed by President George Washington as the first commissioned officer in our young Nation's maritime security and safety service—he is known today as the "Father of the United States Coast Guard."

During the War of 1812, Lubec stood strong against a British occupation just 2 miles across the bay. In the Civil War, 200 young men—one-eighth of the town's entire population—answered the call of freedom. Lubec's commitment reaches from the front lines to the home front—during World War II, the workers at the R.J. Peacock Canning Company received a special citation from the War Food Department for their untiring efforts and patriotic service.

And the town has found itself on the front lines in the conflicts of our time. On September 11, 2001, Jackie and Robert Norton were flying to California for a family wedding. They perished at the World Trade Center. The people of Lubec will always remember those dear neighbors who, from their beautiful gardens to their community service, gave so much to the town.

The spirit of Lubec is exemplified in the life of Myron Avery. From the tiny North Lubec Grammar School and the village high school, he went on to Bowdoin College and Harvard Law School to become a jurist of national renown. He served our Nation in both world wars as a Navy officer. In between, he turned the vision of the Appalachian Trail into reality and was the first to hike its entire 2,000 miles in one effort, from Georgia to Maine. Commitment to service, reverence for nature, and building for the future—that is the spirit of Lubec.

On this Fourth of July, Lubec, ME, will hold its Grand Bicentenary Jubilee. It will be a day of great food, music, and fun. It will be a day for the people of this wonderful town to look

back at the past two centuries with pride, and to look ahead at the century to come with optimism and determination.●

ARMOUR, SOUTH DAKOTA

● Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Mr. President, today I recognize the community of Armour, SD, on reaching the 125th anniversary of its founding. Armour is a energetic community, which serves as the county seat for Douglas County, and will be celebrating its quasiquicentennial July 1 through 4.

The town Armour, being founded in 1886, has the notable distinction of being a city before South Dakota achieved statehood. On the day that President Benjamin Harrison's proclamation of statehood for South Dakota reached Armour, the residents rang the brand new school bell to celebrate and alert the town. The children of Armour have always come first in the eyes of the residents; the first school was built just 1 year after the city was founded. Armour also claims to be home to the first Boy Scout Troop in the State of South Dakota.

Today the town of Armour still holds education and children in high regards, and in 2008 Armour was one of only 320 schools in the Nation to be honored as a blue ribbon school for academic excellence. Armour will celebrate its 125th anniversary by holding an all-school reunion, as well as many other community events such as trolley rides, a 5K race, and chili cook-off.

Armour is a thriving community that maintains small town values. Even 125 years after its founding, Armour remains a vital community and a great asset to the wonderful State of South Dakota. I am proud to publicly honor Armour on this historic milestone, and congratulate the people of Armour on their achievements.●

CLAREMONT, SOUTH DAKOTA

● Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Mr. President, today I recognize the 125th anniversary of the founding of Claremont, SD. Claremont, home of the Honkers, is a thriving community located in Brown County. The city of Claremont is a town that contributes greatly to the identity of rural South Dakota.

Located along the Great Northern Railway, the vibrant community of Claremont was founded in 1886 and formally incorporated in 1903. Claremont's rich history began with its prosperous farmers and railroad workers. The creation of the railroad was essential to the survival of the town. Claremont thrived thanks to the rich soil and accessibility to clean water. Like many frontier towns, the residents endured blizzards, droughts, and fires. The commitment of the early settlers to the land truly embodied the pioneer spirit, and can be seen in the actions of the residents even today.

The men's softball team, the Honkers, calls Claremont home. They

are the pride of the town and bring the community together to celebrate America's pastime. Along with sports, Claremont is well known for the ample geese that fly over the town, providing enjoyment to hunters and nature enthusiasts alike.

Claremont will be commemorating its quasiquicentennial celebration with softball and volleyball games, a parade, a 5K road race, food, dancing, and fireworks. To wrap up a fun-filled weekend, Claremont has planned an outdoor church service and potluck lunch. Other festivities include an all school reunion, old time photos, and a historical display.

Mr. President, 125 years after its founding, Claremont is still a wholesome, rural community with true South Dakota values. I am proud to recognize the achievements of Claremont and to congratulate its residents on this memorable occasion.●

FERNEY, SOUTH DAKOTA

● Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the community of Ferney, SD, on reaching the 125th anniversary of its founding. Ferney, located in Brown County, truly is a community born from the railroad and will be celebrating its quasiquicentennial the weekend of July 2-3.

Named after the French hometown of the wife of a railroad official, Ferney is a community with a colorful past. For many German families, Ferney was a treasure they could call home. The local Lutheran Church even held services in both German and English into the 1930s. During prohibition Ferney was one of the few cities in South Dakota to continue the sale of alcohol. Ferney's past was born from the Chicago Northwestern Rail Road, but the town was sustained through agriculture.

Today agriculture still plays a major role in the life of the residents of Ferney. The local co-op provides the area with the farming needs to keep the crops fertile. While small, Ferney continues to prosper with local business such as the Ferney Farmers Bar and Grill and Harry Implements, Inc. These small businesses make each and every town in South Dakota a unique treasure. Ferney plans to celebrate this milestone by holding numerous events, including a parade, tractor pull, softball tournament, and street dance.

South Dakota has a reputation for kindness and hard work. The residents of Ferney embody this wholesome reputation that makes South Dakota a place you want to call home, and I congratulate the citizens of Ferney on their accomplishments over the last 125 years and look forward to their future endeavors.●